

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TAXICAB COMMISSION
PANEL ON RATES AND RULES**

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Taxicab Commission ("Commission"), by its Panel on Rates and Rules, pursuant to the authority set forth under §§ 8(b)(1)(I) and 9(b) of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986, (D.C. Law 6-97; D.C. Official Code §§ 50-307(b) (1)(I), and 50-308(b)), hereby gives notice of its final rulemaking action taken July 26, 2006 to add § 501.5 to Chapter 5 of Title 31 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations ("DCMR"). The proposed rulemaking was published on January 20, 2006 in the *D.C. Register* at 53 DCR 444. A public hearing was held on March 8, 2006. Comments were received and considered by the Commission. No changes were made to the rulemaking. The rulemaking adds a penalty provision for failure to timely file information required in §§ 501.1 and 501.2 of section 501 of this chapter.

Chapter 5 (TAXICAB COMPANIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND FLEETS) of Title 31 DCMR, Section 501 (FILING REQUIREMENTS) is amended as follows:

Section 501.5 is added to read as follows:

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| 501 | FILING REQUIREMENTS |
| 501.5 | Any taxicab association or company that fails to timely file information as required in §§ 501.1 and 501.2 of this section shall be subject to a civil fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). |

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On December 14, 2005, in emergency/proposed rulemaking action, the Commission amended the charges for taxicab stops en route. At that time, the Commission proposed to no longer charge for a stop en route for the initial first three (3) minutes, but instead require passengers to be charged one dollar (\$1.00) for every two (2) minutes or any fraction thereof. On January 9, 2006, the Commission determined that the one dollar (\$1.00) charge, for the first three (3) minutes should be reinstated to maintain the status quo. This proposed rulemaking was published February 10, 2006 at 53 DCR 954 and a public hearing was held on March 8, 2006. Comments were received by the Commission and taken into consideration. No changes were made to the rulemaking.

Chapter 8 (OPERATION OF TAXICABS) of Title 31 DCMR, Section 802 (CHARGES) is amended along with Appendix 8-2 (TAXICAB ZONE MAP) as follows:

Section 802.11 is amended to read as follows:

802 OTHER CHARGES

802.11 A charge of one dollar (\$1.00) is authorized for each "en route stop" made at the request of the passenger not exceeding three (3) minutes. Thereafter, passengers will be charged one dollar (\$1.00) for every two (2) minutes or any fraction thereof. The term "en route stop" means a stop that does not require a deviation of more than five (5) blocks.

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Chapter 10 (PUBLIC VEHICLES FOR HIRE) of Title 31 DCMR, Section 10 (SPECIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE PUBLIC VEHICLES) is amended as follows:

Section 1009.2 is amended to read as follows:

1009 SPECIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE PUBLIC VEHICLES

1009.2 Each application shall be submitted on the form furnished by the Chairperson, and shall set forth the applicant's full lawful name (including middle name or names, if any) date of birth, sex, social security number, residence, and other information that the Chairperson may require to determine the applicant's identity, competency, and eligibility for a license, however, an applicant will not be required to submit proof of a physical examination or have fingerprints taken with the Metropolitan Police Department for a criminal background check.